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REPORT

OF THE

LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION
MANAGERS

To January 1, 1903.

REPORT.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Jan, 1, 1903.

Hon. Miguel A. Otero, Governor of New Mexico:

SIR: In accordance with the provisions of the law passed by the 34th legislative assembly within sixty days after the passage of the act the governor appointed the following named members to serve on the commission to be known as the "Territorial Board of Louisiana Purchase Exposition Managers." Henry L. Waldo, A. N. Blackwell, R. J. Palen, J. J. Hagerman, W. B. Walton, T. S. Hubbell and Thomas Hughes. In December last Hon. J. J. Hagerman resigned from the commission and Hon. Herbert J. Hagerman was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The law requires that the members of the board created by virtue of this act shall be entitled to their actual expenses for transportation and the sum of \$4 per day for subsistence for each day necessarily absent from their homes on the business of said board, but no member of the board shall receive any further compensation from the territory.

The board shall have charge of the collection and preparation of the exhibits from New Mexico for said exposition, and it shall communicate with the officers thereof and obtain and disseminate throughout New Mexico all necessary information regarding said exposition in due and ample time for the proper exhibit of said resources and products of New Mexico at said exposition.

The members of the board shall have full authority in relation to the participation, the display and arrangement of the said exhibits, and the reception of citizens of New Mexico, at the exposition, but shall incur no expense to the Territory of New Mexico in such reception of citizens. It shall make a report of its proceedings and expenditures from time to time to the governor and at any time upon his written request, and such reports shall be transmitted by him to the legislative assembly of 1903, together with such suggestions

as he may deem proper, regarding the complete and creditable representation of New Mexico at said exposition.

To carry out the provisions of this act \$20,000 is appropriated from taxes to be levied and collected for such purpose, and the Territorial Treasurer is by law directed to pay the same from the fund to be created by said taxes on requisition of the board, signed by the president and secretary thereof and approved by the governor and accompanied by estimates of the expenses for the payment of which the money so drawn is to be applied. Said funds shall be designated the "Louisiana Purchase Exposition Fund." The said board shall also make a detailed report of all its doings, together with all moneys expended, to the governor by the 15th of December, 1902, showing in detail all work done and expenditures made up to that date; and the board shall exist no longer than January 1, 1904, at which time it shall make a full, detailed and itemized final report of all its doings under this act, and of all moneys expended thereunder, which shall not in any event exceed said appropriation of \$20,000. Copies of said reports, together with all receipts, vouchers, documents, books and records of the board are required to be filed in the office of the Auditor of the Territory. Further, the boards of county commissioners of the several counties of the territory are empowered to appropriate such sums of money as they may deem proper to assist the Board of Managers in collecting and preparing the products of such counties for exhibition at said exposition.

This commission has had several sessions and the work of preparing a creditable exhibit was well under way when it was announced that the exposition had been postponed for one year. Since said announcement very little has been done, it being deemed expedient to await the possible action of the general assembly this winter, when doubtless further legislation may be had on the subject. But in any event it is safe to say that New Mexico will make a surprising showing on this important occasion, and as to our resources, at the present rate of development, will be even greater a year hence, and it is not improbable that additional and still more liberal legislation may be had at the forthcoming session, to

the end that New Mexico's facilities for placing an exhibit before the public at St. Louis on this occasion shall be second to no state in the Union.

THOS. HUGHES,

Secretary, Louisiana Purchase Exposition Commission.

HON. M. A. OTERO,

Governor of New Mexico.